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## **DELAWARE TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

### **Regular Meeting**

**January 9, 2019**

### **MINUTES**

#### **WORKSHOP** – 6:00 p.m.

**Motion** to suspend workshop was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.

**Motion** to open executive session regarding DTVAC was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.

**Motion** to close executive session was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.

**Motion** to reopen the workshop was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.

The following items were discussed during the workshop:

- Keys to buildings – no change to current policy
- Closure of inner gate only – February to Mid-March
- Dingmans Best Station Notice of Intent to Remediate – public notice in PC Dispatch

**Public Comment** – none.

**Motion** to adjourn the workshop was made at 6:56 p.m. by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.

#### **REGULAR MEETING**

**Call to Order** was made at 7:01 p.m.

#### **Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call: In attendance:** Rick Koehler, John Henderson, Jane Neufeld, Thomas Farley, Township Solicitor, and Krista Predmore. **Absent:** none.

**Public Comment on Agenda** – Ms. Janiec regarding motion #11 – comment held until motion.

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**Motion** to reopen the regular meeting was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.

The Chair of the Board read the following statement to the public:

*A lot of research has been happening, and we have been working hard to get information and our questions answered. Emergency medical services problems here, throughout our county and our state are not simple ones. Many of these problems are beyond the capability of our one township to solve.*

*We have been part of a multi-municipality group seeking to have ALS in a responsible way.*

*One township cannot provide ALS/paramedics to all the county or even a part of the county. For the roughly 2 in 10 calls requesting ALS service...that leaves that our township unprotected for all the other 8 out of 10 "BLS/911" calls in our township. That places an unacceptable burden on our township's emergency medical response capabilities - as well as on other townships' ambulances being called to help our residents.*

*We want to help move our ambulance service toward greater reliability without increasing risk of less response to our "911" calls.*

*In working to have good ambulance service here in Delaware Township... we have asked lots of questions. Many remain unanswered. At this time, DTVAC's focus seems to be on something that leads to its continual struggle - both financially and regarding personnel.*

*We cannot tell DTVAC what to do. As best we can - and according to our current laws and regulations - we want to ensure services are provided, including appropriate levels of financial and administrative help. We have money set aside in a budget. Importantly, we have the responsibility to do more than hand over money.*

*Learning about DTVAC's financial difficulties, having public discussions about the difficulties of having volunteers, watching the decisions being made by the DTVAC board... we can only continue to seek answers to our questions...What's the plan? What has changed? Give us - give all us -information.*

*In any decisions we make, we want to do our best for all our residents. We hold having emergency responder services and those who work to give them in the highest regard. Our responsibility is not to issue a blank check without us insuring that our taxpayer money is going to better the situation and move things toward something that will be sustainable.*

*And, with that in mind, to find and make every effort we can.*

1. **Motion** to accept the Minutes from the Board of Supervisors meeting dated December 19, 2018 was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.
2. **Motion** to table the Minutes from the Board of Supervisors Organizational meeting dated January 7, 2019 was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.

3. **Motion to pay General Fund bills in the amount of \$45,776.12** was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.
4. **Motion to pay Recreation Fund bills in the amount of \$6,151.89** was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.
5. **Motion to pay Delaware Township Volunteer Fire Co. \$3,362.42 for 2018 4<sup>th</sup> quarter tax distribution** was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.

**OLD BUSINESS:**

6. **Motion** to approve application for License to Operate a Junk Yard by Kathleen and John Henderson at 1756 Route 739, Dingmans Ferry, PA was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: Aye: Neufeld, Koehler. Nay: None. Abstain: Henderson. **Motion** carries.
7. **Motion** to approve Electronic Recycling Day on April 6, 2019 and October 5, 2019 from 8:00am to 4:00pm was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.
8. **Motion** to renew Lake Management services with Aquatic Environment Consultants, Inc. for treating watermilfoil, bladderwort, potamogateon sp., filamentous algae and water shield in Akenac Park in the sum of \$3,500 was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.
9. **Motion** to approve Vincent Flatt and Krista Predmore attend Probable Cause Training for CDL Supervisory Personnel and CMV/CDL Records Management on March 6, 2019 from 9am to 4pm at Lehman Township Municipal Building at a total cost of \$140.00 was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.
10. **Motion** to advertise for vacancies on the Planning Commission, Zoning Hearing Board and the Recreation Committee was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.
11. **Amended Motion** to approve the following DTVAC Fundraising events, as stated in the Agenda a-g, *for workers compensation coverage for volunteer members of DTVAC.:*
  - a. Plant Sale (4/19/19 and 4/20/19)
  - b. Easter Weekend Bridge Collection (4/18 through 4/20/19)
  - c. Chicken BBQ & Community Fund Day (5/26/19)
  - d. July Bridge Collection (7/4 through 7/8/19)
  - e. Pig Roast & Community Fun Day (9/1/19)

f. Wreath Sale (12/6 through 12/7/19)

g. Lottery Calendars

was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.

**12. Motion** to approve Delaware Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps. use of and township public works assistance in dropping off and picking up of all available collapsible tables and chairs for the DTVAC Chicken BBQ and Pig Roast Fundraisers was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.

**13. Motion** to approve Delaware Township Volunteer Ambulance Corps use of all available traffic cones and “A Frame Style” road barricades to assist with traffic control at the DTVAC Chicken BBQ and Pig Roast Fundraisers was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.

**14. Motion** to approve Township Municipal Hall use request by Gambetta Ballet on Tuesday, Wednesday and Fridays, January 11, 2019 through May 24, 2019 from 10:30am to 12:30pm and then September 3, 2019 through December 31, 2019 was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.

**15. Amended Motion** to approve Akenac Park and Recreation Hall use request by Delaware Township Democratic Club on Saturday, April 13, 2019 from 9am to 4pm for its “Spring Fling” Craft Fair *conditions permitting* was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.

**16. Motion** to approve Akenac Recreation Hall use request by Gambetta Ballet on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays May 27, 2019 through September 2, 2019 from 10:30am to 12:30pm was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.

**17. Motion** to approve Akenac Recreation Hall use request by Tri Versity for their annual family picnic on Sunday, June 23, 2019 from noon to 5pm was made by Mr. Koehler with a second by Ms. Neufeld. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.

**18. Added: Motion** that Township will consider the payment for repairs and maintenance of DTVAC vehicles upon receipt of estimates prior to work being performed was made by Ms. Neufeld with a second by Mr. Koehler. Voting: All in favor. **Motion** carries.

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

Smart Recovery Group – Wednesday’s 6:30-7:30pm at the Delaware Township Emergency Management building, 116 Wilson Hill Road, Dingmans Ferry, PA.



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### **PUBLIC COMMENT**

Public comment consisted of but was not limited to the following: Mr. Beodeker provided an update on the emergency management trailer; Mr. Hughes provided the 2018 end of year report for DTVFC; and residents discussed their concerns regarding the state of DTVAC and the Township Supervisors involvement in providing assistance. Comments and concerns were expressed by Ms. Bennett, Mr. Will, Ms. Forrest, Ms. Janiec, Mr. and Mrs. Tarquini, Mr. Beodeker, and Ms. Neufeld.

**Motion** to adjourn the meeting was made at 8:20 p.m. by Mr. Henderson with a second by Mr. Koehler. Voting: Aye: All in favor. Nay: None. **Motion** carries.

Respectfully submitted,

Krista Predmore  
Township Administrator/Assistant Treasurer